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F. COCHINARD, Agent, Hongkong, Hongkong, February 9, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION. (Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

LONDON BANKERS: BANK OF ENGLAND. UNION BANK OF LONDON. BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND.....2,100,000 Dollars.

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For Fixed Deposits: For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, March 22, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MR. CHARLES KAHN in our Firm ceased on the 30th April, 1882.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1882. BEISS & Co. Shanghai.

NOTICE.

WE Have been appointed AGENTS for the MITSU BUSSAN KAISHA, of Tokio, at this Port.

GEORGE E. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 26th June, 1882, at 3 p.m., on the Premises,—

The HOUSE No. 1, West Street, registered in the Land Office as SECTION A of INLAND LOT No. 92A.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,

Auctioneer,

33, WELLINGTON STREET.

Hongkong, June 20, 1882. j26

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE PROPERTY IN PRAYA EAST.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the SECOND MORTGAGEE to Sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 1st day of July, 1882, at 3 p.m., on the Premises,—

Subject to an INDEBTEDNESS of MORTGAGE, dated the 22nd of September, 1879, for the sum of \$50,000 and Interest due thereon,

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND,

Situate at Victoria, Hongkong, registered in the Land Office as MARINE LOT No. 65. Together with the 4 Substantially Built HOUSES known as the BLUE BUILDINGS, and 4 Large Granite GODOWNS IN PRAYA, with 17 HOUSES in QUEEN'S ROAD EAST. Monthly Rental for the above HOUSES \$1,025.

The Premises are held for the Residue of the term of 980 years created by a Crown Lease, dated the 14th July, 1861.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

J. M. GUEDES,

Auctioneer;

or to

BRERETON & WOTTON,

Solicitors for the Mortgagee.

Hongkong, June 16, 1882. jyl

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

B. & E. PERRIER'S CHAMPAGNE, CARTE BLANCHE.

Pints.....\$18 per 2 dozen Cases. 1/2 Pints.....\$19 per 4 dozen Cases.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong, June 23, 1882.

FOR SALE.

A. RAUTER MAINZ DELICIOUS TABLE BEER.

4 doz. 7 Cases CHAMPAGNE BOTTLES. \$11. Apply to

SANDER & Co.

Hongkong, March 30, 1882.

FOR SALE.

MESSRS W. & J. LOCKETT'S Celebrated BRANDS, THREFAIR'S EXPORT PALE ALE, and PILSENER'S 222 DUBLIN STOUT in Pints and Quarts.

Fine OLD PORT, in Cases of 1 dozen. Also,

SILVERY MOUSSEUX (VIN DE CHAMPAGNE), in Cases of 12 Pints and 1 dozen Quarts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1882.

AMERICAN NOVELTY COMPANY. New York, San Francisco, Sydney and Hongkong Depot for the World's Patented Articles.

MARINE HOUSE, Queen's Road, HONGKONG.

IMPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF NOVELTIES, TOYS, YANKEE NOTIONS, CLOCKS, WATCHES, JEWELLERY, CUTLERY, STATIONERY, GLASS WARE, Electro-Plated GOODS, ARTICLES of Useful Invention, ORGANS, PATENT ORGANETTES, RUBBER GOODS, AMERICAN TRUNKS, &c., &c., &c.

General purchasing Agents for every description of American Goods.

BUSINESS EXCLUSIVELY WHOLESALE. S. B. LEWIS, Manager.

Hongkong, June 16, 1882.

FOR SALE.

J. L. S. MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts.....\$17 per 1 doz. Case. Pints.....\$18 per 2 doz. Cases.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

To Let.

GODOWNS-TO LET. PRAYA EAST and WANCHAI ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to

SIMMONSEN & Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)

THE NEW FAMILY RESIDENCE situated next to EXETER on Robinson Road, replete with every convenience, TENNIS LAWN, STABLES, &c.

Also, 8 FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS of all Sizes. Water-side. Inspection is invited.

Apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON.

Hongkong, June 16, 1882.

For Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

HAVE RECEIVED

CHOICE MALTESE CIGARETTES.

"KAISER-I-HIND" CIGARETTES.

GOLDEN CLOUD AND BIRDSEYE TOBACCO.

MEERSCHAUM-PIPES.

ELECTRO-PLATED SUN GOGGLES.

CAMDEN WHIST MARKERS.

PEARS' TRANSPARENT SOAPS.

SOLICATED CARBON FILTERS.

Hongkong, June 13, 1882.

To Let.

TO LET.

NO. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE, Nos. 2 and 4, PEDDAR'S HILL, No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, June 24, 1882.

TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE ENTRY.)

THE RESIDENCE known as "BELLEVUE," ALBANY ROAD.

Apply to

R. LYALL,

Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, May 31, 1882.

TO LET.

(POSSESSION ON 15th JULY NEXT.)

THE Commodious HOUSE with Large Compound, and a Chinese HOUSE attached, No. 33, POTTINGER STREET.

Apply to

E. R. BELLIOS.

Hongkong, May 31, 1882.

TO LET.

COMMODIOUS OFFICES AND COM-PELADOR'S QUARTERS, &c., with or without GODOWNS, in Peddar's Wharf Buildings, at present in the occupation of Messrs HESS & Co. View of the Harbour. Possession to be had from the 1st May next.

Apply to

G. R. LAMMERT.

Hongkong, April 5, 1882.

TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)

THE HOUSE known as "PARADE VILLA," ROBINSON ROAD.

For Particulars, apply to

G. R. LAMMERT,

Peddar's Wharf.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

COLONEL IRE AUSTIN'S NEW AMERICAN RIFLE RANGE.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL. SPECIAL ATTRACTION.

In consequence of the great success of the last competition, and in accordance with the wishes of a large number of the Marksmen of Hongkong, Colonel Austin has decided on offering for competition:

A Splendid SILVER Cup value \$50, a SILVER Watch valued at \$25, and a SILVER PENCIL Case valued at \$7, in Three Prizes: First, Second and Third. Open to all Amateur Marksmen. The Subscription List is now Open and will Close on the 30th Instant. Post Entries up to time of Firing—Entrances, \$3 each. Competitors can make their own arrangements as to Umpires, Judges, and Scorers. Conditions of Firing will be the same as ruled at the last competition.

WIMBLEDON TARGETS AND RULES WILL GOVERN THE SHOOTING.

ANY POSITION ALLOWED. Entrance Fee \$3.00. Shots and Targets included.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SPORTING RIFLES!!!

Popular Prices: FOUR SHOTS for.....25 Cents.

Galleries open daily from 4 to 12 p.m. Hongkong, June 12, 1882. jyl

NOTICE.

TO CAPTAINS OF SHIPS BOUND TO JAPAN.

D. R. BUCKLE attends Ships daily in YOKOHAMA BAY. Call Reg F.

Hongkong, May 21, 1882. jyl

NOTICE.

WILLIAM DOLAN, GAIL-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRAYA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882. jyl

Intimations.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE—1881, IN LIQUIDATION.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that a SECOND DIVIDEND of \$241 per Share, and an INTERIM BONUS of 20 per cent. on Contributions (being on account of Profits subject to final adjustment) is declared.

WARRANTS will be issued on MONDAY, the 26th Instant.

(Signed) F. BULKELEY JOHNSON, EDWARD F. ALFORD, Liquidators.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, 1881. Hongkong, June 23, 1882.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY (LIMITED.)

DEBENTURE LOAN FOR \$300,000.

COUPONS for INTEREST falling due 30th June, 1882, will be Paid on presentation at the Office of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, on and after that date.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, June 19, 1882. jyl

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TRANSFER BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 24th Instant until the 1st Proximo, both days included.

A. NEWTON, Manager.

Hongkong, June 17, 1882. jyl

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of their GOODS by Messrs KYNOCHE & Co., of WITTON, near BIRMINGHAM.

MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, August 13, 1881. j3a82

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT for the SALE of the above COALS at HONGKONG, on and after this date.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Mitsui Bishi Mail S. S. Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882. ec27

TOK KEE, COAL MERCHANT.

KEEPS on hand for Sale all Kinds of STEAM COAL of the best quality, at moderate rates; also has always on hand STEAM LAUNCHES for Hire at a reasonable Charge, either for special Purposes, Excursions, or Towing.

Hongkong, January 13, 1882. jyl3

Notices to Consignees.

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, SINGAPORE AND MANILA.

THE Steamship Benalder, HARVEY, Commander, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 p.m. To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 20th Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. An Average Bond will be sent for signature of Consignees.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 15, 1882. j25

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Strathmore, Captain Rowell, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Steamer will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to YOKOHAMA, unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow, the 22nd Instant.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 1st July, or they will not be recognised.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, June 21, 1882. j28

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "NIGATA MARU," FROM KOBE AND NAGASAKI.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after Tuesday, the 20th Instant, will be landed and stored at Consignees' expense and risk.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Mitsui Bishi Mail S. S. Co.

Hongkong, June 19, 1882. j26

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship Glenearn having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her and by the Steamship Belgravia, from New York, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium—are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day, the 23rd Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 29th Instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, June 23, 1882. j260

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "Nanoo," Capt. Wessely, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 25th Instant, at Daylight.

THE COLONEL.

By BARR HART.

What the colonel's business was, nobody knew, nor did anybody care particularly. He purchased for cash only, and never grumbled at the price of anything he wanted. Who could ask more than that?

Curious people occasionally wondered how, when it had been fully two years since the colonel with every one else abandoned Dutch Creek to the Chinese, he managed to spend money freely and to lose considerable at cards and horse races. In fact, the keeper of that once the Challenge Hill saloons that the colonel did not patronize was once heard to wonder, absent-mindedly, whether the colonel had not a money mill somewhere where he turned out angles and "slings" (the coast name for \$50 pieces).

When so important a personage as a bar-keeper indulged publicly in the idea, the inhabitants of Challenge Hill, like good Californians everywhere, considered themselves in duty bound to give it grave consideration; so for a few days certain industrious professional gentlemen, who won money of the colonel, carefully weighed some of the brightest pieces and tested them with acids, and saved them in two, and refuted them, and melted them up, and had the thing done.

The result was a complete vindication of the colonel, and a loss of considerable custom to the indifferent bar-keeper.

The colonel was as good-natured a man as had ever been known on Challenge Hill, but, being mortal, the colonel had his occasional moments of depression, and on one of these occasions he descended from the heights to which he had hitherto held his all on his way home to his hotel.

Looking reproachfully at his beloved animal, he failed to heed the aching void of his pockets, and drinking deeply, swearing eloquently, and glancing defiantly at all mankind, he was equally unproductive of coin.

The boys at the saloon sympathized most feelingly with the colonel. They were uncaring in their invitations to drink, and they exhibited considerable Christian forbearance when the colonel savagely dis- sented from everyone who advanced any proposition to make him inebriated.

But unappreciated sympathy grows decidedly tiresome to the giver, and it was with a feeling of relief that the boys saw the colonel stride out of the saloon, mount Tipis, and gallop furiously away.

Riding on horseback has always been considered an excellent sort of exercise. Riding is universally admitted to be one of the most healthful means of exhilaration in the world, but when a man is so absorbed in this exercise that he will not stop to speak to his friend, and when his exhilaration is so complete that he turns his eyes from all well-meaning thumbs pointing significantly in directions, through which a man has often passed, without checking his influence, it is only natural that people should express some wonder.

The colonel was well known at Taddy Flat, Lone Hand, Blazer's, Murderer's Bar, and several other villages through which he passed. As no one had been seen to precede him, betting men were soon offering odds that the colonel was running away from some body.

Strictly speaking they were wrong, but they won all the money that had been staked against them, for within half-an-hour they passed over the same road an anxious-looking individual, who reined up in front of the principal saloon of each place and inquired if the colonel had passed.

Had the gallant colonel known that he was followed and by whom, there certainly would have been an extra election held at the latter place very shortly after, for the pursuer was the constable, and for all officers of the law the colonel was a dangerous man.

On galloping away the colonel followed the stage road, which threaded the old mining camps on Dutch Creek, but suddenly he turned out of the road and urged his horse through the youngest pine and bushes which grew thickly by the road, while the constable rode on to the next camp.

There seemed to be no path through the thicket into which the colonel had turned, but Tipis walked between the trees and shrubs as if they were familiar objects of her stable yard.

Suddenly a voice from the bushes shouted:

"What's up?"

"Business—that's what."

"It's time," replied the voice, and its owner—a bearded six-footer—emerged from the bushes and stroked Tipis's nose with the freedom of an old acquaintance. "We ain't had a nip since last night, and there ain't a cracker or a handful of flour in the saloon."

The old gaffer came back on a "Yee," and the colonel, smilingly, "Just every blessed thing, 'Twasn't her fault, bless her; she done her level best. Everybody to home?"

"You bet," said the man. "All been a prayin' for yer to turn up with the roan, an' something with more colour than spring water."

The man led the way, and Tipis and the colonel followed, and the trio suddenly found themselves before a log hut, in front of which sat three solemn, disconsolate individuals, who looked appealingly to the colonel.

"Mack'll tell you how 'twas, fellows," said the colonel meekly, "while I picket the mare."

The colonel was absent but a very few moments, but when he returned each of the four was armed in pistols and knives, while Mack was distributing some dominoes made from a rather dirty flour-sack.

"Better to an hour ahead than miss in this or night," said one of the four, "and I ain't been so thirsty since I come round the Horn in '76, an' we run short of water. Somebody'll get hurt if there ain't any bittern in the old concern; they will, or my name ain't Perkins."

"Don't count your chickens 'fore they're hatched," Pecky, said one of the crowd, as he adjusted the holster under the rim of his hat. "Sposin' there should be too many on us?"

"Stiddy, stiddy, Cranks!" remonstrated the colonel. "Nobody ever gets along if they lose themselves to be skered."

"Fact," chimed in the smallest man in the party. "The Bible says something mighty 'bout 'em that I digmember exactly how it goes, but I have heard Parson Buzzy, down in Maine, preach a rippin old sermon wuz a time. The old man never thort what a comfort them serious wuz agin' to be to a road agent, though. The time we stopped Sam Mike's stage and he didn't have no more manners than a draw on me, them serious wuz a perfect blessing to me. The thorns of 'em cleared my head as quick as a cocktail. An—"

"I don't want to disturb Loggroller's pious strain," interrupted the colonel, "but if it's Old Black that's arrivin' to-day instead of Sam Mike, and if it's Old Black allers makes his time, then 'twas better wuz!"

The door of the shanty was hastily closed, and the men fled through the thicket until near the road, when they marched rapidly on in parallel lines with their rifles fixed to their shoulders, and their eyes fixed on the colonel, who was leading the way.

"For enough from home now," said he. "Taint no use being a gentleman if yer have to work too hard."

"Safe enough, I reckon," replied the colonel.

"Well, do the usual; I'll halt 'em; Loggroller, tend to the driver; Cranks, take the boot; and Mick and Pork, take right and left; and I know it's tough—but con- sidering how even-jestin' of 'em, I don't say I reckon well have to ask contribu- tions from the ladies, too, if there's any about; eh, boys?"

"Reckon so," replied Loggroller, with a chuckle that seemed to inspire even his black domino with a merry wrinkle or two; "what's the use of women's rights if they don't ever have a chance of even-jestin' 'em? I haven't their prices borrowed 'ud show 'em the full doctrine in a bran' new light."

"Come, come, boys," interposed the colonel, "that's the crack of Old Black's whip; pick up your bush, quick! and jump when I whistle."

Each man secreted himself by the roadside. The stage was swinging along heavily, these inside were laughing heartily at something, and Old Black was just giving a delicate touch to the flank of the old leader, when the colonel gave a swift, quick whistle, and five men sprang into the air.

The horses stopped as suddenly as if they were a number of common occurrences. Old Black dropped the reins, crossed his legs and stared into the sky, and the passengers put out their heads with a rapidity equalled only by that with which they withdrew them.

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"Seems to be something the matter, gentlemen," said the colonel, blandly, as he opened the door. "Won't you please get out! Don't trouble yourself to draw, see my friend here's got his weapon cocked, and his finger's rather nervous. Ain't got his friends, hey, yez?" he asked of the first passenger that descended from the stage. "Hey! Well, now, that's lucky. Just put your hands behind yer, so; there's it. And the unfortunate man's hands were securely tied behind him in an instant."

The remaining passengers were treated with similar courtesy, and the colonel and his friends examined the pockets of the captives. Old Black remained unmolested, for who ever heard of a stage-driver having any money?

"Boys," said the colonel, calling his brother agents aside and calling receipts, "I ain't much of a haul, but there's old to be a fellow-gentleman, and I'll be sure to get a few dollars out of you."

"Like enough, ye'll put out more than all the rest of the stage put together," growled Cranks, carefully testing the thickness of the case of a gold watch. "Just like the low-lived deatfulness of some folks to hire an old woman to carry their money, so if ye gaffer, 'Mebbe what's got'st ain't a fellow-gentleman, but that's a good horse and can win money at a race."

The colonel abruptly ended the conversa- tion and approached the stage. He was very chivalrous, but Crank's sarcastic re- ference to Tipis needed avenging, and as he could not consistently with business arrange- ments put an end to Crank's, the old lady turned round and said to the colonel:

"I beg your pardon, ma'am," said the colonel, raising his hat with one hand while he drew open the coach door with the other, "but we're taking up a collection for some deserving objects. We was goin' to make the gentleman fork over the hull amount, but they say they ain't got enough we will have to look after you."

The old lady trembled, felt for her pocket-book and raised her veil. The colonel looked into her face, slammed the stage door, and, sitting on the hub of one of the wheels, stared vacantly into space. "No, thing!" queried Perkins in a whisper and with a face full of genuine sympathy.

"That's, mule, an' the stage," said the colonel, continuing, springing to his feet. "I'll hurry back to the cabin." The colonel dashed into the bushes and left his followers so paralysed with astonishment that Old Black afterward remarked that if there was a party to be held in the future, he could have cleaned out the whole crowd with his whip.

The passengers, now relieved of their weapons, were unbound, allowed to enter the stage, and the door was slammed, upon which Old Black picked up his reins as if he had laid them down at the station; while the constable, looking on from the side of the road, fondly inspecting as they went certain flasks they had obtained while transacting their business with the occupants of the stage.

Great was the surprise of the road agents as they entered the hut, for there stood the colonel in a clean white shirt and a suit of the finest and most fashionable material, and the other members of the band.

But the suspicious Cranks speedily ascer- tained his wonder to the purpose, as, lying on the table a heavy purse, he ex- claimed:

"Come, colonel, business before pleas- ure; we'll divide and scatter. If anybody should hear about it and find our trail an' bench the bands in our possession they might—"

"Divide, yourselves," said the colonel, with abruptness and a great oath; "I don't want none of it."

"Colonel," said Perkins, removing his own cloak and looking anxiously into the leader's face, "he got sick? Here's some- thing brandy which I found in the pas- senger's pockets."

"It ain't nothing," replied the colonel, with averted eyes. "I'm goin', and I'm retirin' from business for ever."

"Ain't agoin' to turn evenside?" cried Crank, grasping a pistol on the table.

"I'm agoin' to be a lead mine, if you if you don't take that back!" roared the colonel, with a bound that caused Crank to drop the pistol and retire precipitately, apologizing as he went. "I'm going to at- tend to my own business, and that's at- tend to keep anybody leazy. Somebody lead me 800 till I see him again."

Perkins pressed the money into the colonel's hand, and within two minutes the colonel was on Tipis's back and galloping off in the direction the stage had taken.

He overtook it, passed it, and still he galloped on.

The people of Mud Gulch knew the co- lonel well, and made it a rule never to be stationed at anything he did, but they made an exception to the rule when the colonel canvassed the different bar-rooms for men who wished to buy a horse, and when a gambler who was flush obtained Tipis for twenty slugs—only a new hat and a pair of boots, and they drew him up to a road agent, though. The time we stopped Sam Mike's stage and he didn't have no more manners than a draw on me, them serious wuz a perfect blessing to me. The thorns of 'em cleared my head as quick as a cocktail. An—"

"I don't want to disturb Loggroller's pious strain," interrupted the colonel, "but if it's Old Black that's arrivin' to-day instead of Sam Mike, and if it's Old Black allers makes his time, then 'twas better wuz!"

The door of the shanty was hastily closed, and the men fled through the thicket until near the road, when they marched rapidly on in parallel lines with their rifles fixed to their shoulders, and their eyes fixed on the colonel, who was leading the way.

"For enough from home now," said he. "Taint no use being a gentleman if yer have to work too hard."

"Safe enough, I reckon," replied the colonel.

"Well, do the usual; I'll halt 'em; Loggroller, tend to the driver; Cranks, take the boot; and Mick and Pork, take right and left; and I know it's tough—but con- sidering how even-jestin' of 'em, I don't say I reckon well have to ask contribu- tions from the ladies, too, if there's any about; eh, boys?"

"Reckon so," replied Loggroller, with a chuckle that seemed to inspire even his black domino with a merry wrinkle or two; "what's the use of women's rights if they don't ever have a chance of even-jestin' 'em? I haven't their prices borrowed 'ud show 'em the full doctrine in a bran' new light."

"Come, come, boys," interposed the colonel, "that's the crack of Old Black's whip; pick up your bush, quick! and jump when I whistle."

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